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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner:

EP 402676 A2;

U.S. Patent No. 5,006,637 to Guggenheim et al.; and

Japanese Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 9-227388 (and an English language abstract thereof), which is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Further pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the

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Examiner the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with family member International Application No. PCT/JP00/06399, and the following documents cited therein:

JP 6-306264 (and an English language abstract thereof); and

EP 739889 A1 (and family member U.S. Patent No. 5,717,111 to Koehler et al.)

Copies of the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report (along with English language translations thereof) were filed on March 19, 2002 with the present application. The Examiner is referred to the English language translations for the relevance indicated by the Japanese Examiner for the cited documents with respect to the claims of the International Application.

Each document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate consideration thereof. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicants.

Further pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following copending application:

"Method for Producing Cyclic Lactic Acid Oligomer," Appln. No. 10/070,436, in the names of M. WATANABE et al.

A copy of the above-referenced application is provided herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

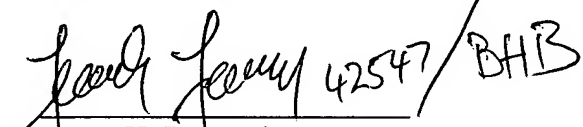
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Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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